

CHRIST CHURCH, VESTRY HOUSE
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Charleston County
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Location: 2304 Highway 17 North, Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, South Carolina.

The coordinates for the Vestry House at Christ Church are 79.812314 W and 32.842760 N, and they were obtained through Google Earth in June 2011 with, it is assumed, NAD 1983. There is no restriction on the release of the locational data to the public.

Description: The Vestry House is a single-story one room brick building with an asphalt shingle, side-facing gable roof. Originally, the brick was covered with stucco, of which about half remains. The brick pattern is running bond with common bond in the gable ends. The remaining stucco is scored to resemble 1' x 1' stones. A raised panel modern door is located on the northwest façade. Vertical side lights are located on either side of the door. The northeast façade has an exterior end brick chimney that is also partially covered with stucco. The southeast and southwest facades each have a centered double-hung window glazed with six over six lights. Both windows have a brick sill of headers. The gable end walls have three courses of brick that run parallel with the gable. The interior of the vestry house has been extensively remodeled and is no longer considered colonial in period. It contains simple moldings, with an exposed wood ceiling with supporting beams running in the northwest – southeast direction. The brick fireplace on the northeast façade has a low hearth and a one brick wide arch surrounding the firebox opening.

History: The brick Vestry House, built in 1751, burned and was restored by members of the Parish in 1939.¹ After Hurricane Hugo in 1989, the Vestry was refurbished. It has served many purposes including: an office, guardhouse, classroom and meeting room.

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